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Jelinek Comments on the State of the State

Senator says Education and Land Use are Top Priorities

LANSING- Senator Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, offered the following statement following tonight's State of the State address:

"Governor Granholm gave a good performance during her speech tonight. I am pleased to hear that the new governor will address the budget problems facing our state by working with the Legislature. And, she is right, it won't be easy. We have already made cuts in the legislature, and, unfortunately, will still have to cut more.

I am excited to hear about the governor's plans for her Land Use Task Force and look forward to building on the successful reforms we have been continuously working on such as open space preservation and limiting urban sprawl. Being a farmer, and a member of the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee, I know how important it is to preserve our land and our forests.

Governor Granholm stated that education will be her number one priority, and I couldn't agree more with her. As the Chair of the K-12, School Aid & Education Appropriations sub-committee in the Senate, I want to make sure certain funding stays in our classrooms and administrative overhead is lean and efficient. This legislature will make sure that the people of Michigan, especially our children, is our top priority."